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Grayson County Artist Presents Painting to Veterans Cemetery in Radcliff

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(RADCLIFF, April 16, 2008) – One of the enduring images of the honors performed at a military funeral is that of uniformed soldiers folding the American flag over the casket.

Now that image has been captured in an original painting presented today to the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (KVCC) in Radcliff.

“It is people like Vickie Brooks who devoted her time and talent to honor veterans in this way who make America great,” said KVCC Director Chuck Heater in accepting the painting from Ms. Brooks.

The artist, who lives in Grayson County, got the idea for the painting from her son, Doug Lindsey, who works as a caretaker at the cemetery. “He so admires the people he works for there, so respects the organization, he said mom, you’ve got to paint this for them.”

Brooks has been making pencil sketches since childhood, but turned to painting seven years ago as an outlet when her stepfather was dying of cancer. She has sold a number of pieces, and is eager to paint more scenes of the cemetery to enter in judged contests.

To gather ideas for the painting, Ms. Brooks took dozens of photographs at a funeral service at KVCC, then chose images from various shots to create an idealized representation of what she wanted to convey.

It took her eight weeks to complete “American Honor.” Her husband Clyde Brooks built and installed the frame. It will be hung in the cemetery’s Administration Building.